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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Conversation with Dr. William Harris,
Murphy Commission

1. On 3 October 1974 you brought Dr. Harris to my office for a conversation regarding the work of the USIB Security Committee.

STATINTL 2. [REDACTED] Executive Secretary of the Committee and I generally explained the functions of the Security Committee and its subcommittees, the membership on the Committee and its subcommittees and the way the Committee worked.

3. Dr. Harris inquired as to whether the Security Committee was involved in the security of satellites and was advised that, while the Committee did formulate policy and procedures with regard to general security practices regarding the protection of intelligence and sources and methods, the actual security of satellites was the responsibility of project directors and the security staff specifically assigned to such projects.

STATINTL 4. Dr. Harris noted that CIA had as far as he knows an excellent record with regard to personnel security and asked if CIA was concerned with possible penetration. He was advised by [REDACTED] that CIA is always concerned and does have a very strong personnel security program and continues to review its security procedures to insure against penetration. Dr. Harris inquired whether an in-depth personality profile had been done with regard to people who had breached security procedures and he mentioned specifically Marchetti, Marks and Agee. He was advised that in

connection with any individual who had violated the trust of any agency in the intelligence community an in-depth evaluation is made to see if personnel investigations had been proper and also to determine if indoctrination and supervisory procedures had been properly followed. He was advised, however, that no in-depth evaluation had been made across the intelligence community taking in all individuals who had been responsible for leaks of information. He was advised that the Security Committee had recently started a study concerning individuals who had cooperated with foreign intelligence services, principally the Soviet Bloc and that this study would include a study of personality traits among other things.

5. Dr. Harris asked whether the Security Committee was involved in any deception operations and mentioned that he thought there must be community participation in any such operation to make sure it was successful and that a proper evaluation was made of the extent of success. He was advised that the Security Committee did not engage in deception operations and Dr. Harris indicated that he had been in touch with elements of the JCS familiar with some deception planning and operations.

6. Conclusion: Dr. Harris was advised that we would be glad to be of assistance any way we could during his study.

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Chairman, Security Committee

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